RESOLUTION NO. R2009-58

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF EMMA BELL MILES AND PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 18, 2009 TO BE "EMMA BELL MILES DAY" IN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.

WHEREAS, Emma Bell Miles was born in 1879 to a pioneer family that settled on Walden's Ridge when she was a child; and,

WHEREAS, she lived her life as a poet, artist, naturalist, journalist, wife and mother on Walden's Ridge until 1919; and,

WHEREAS, as a woman of arts and letters, she produced a body of work, including paintings, poetry, prose and philosophy that is still pertinent and timely today; and,

WHEREAS, she is remembered especially for one of her works, "The Spirit of the Mountains", which remains the quintessential exploration of the unique heritage of Walden's Ridge and is still in print a century after its completion; and,

WHEREAS, she served as the link between and friend to both the mountain people and the summer people during her years on Walden's Ridge and has since become a local legend; and,

WHEREAS, a day in October will mark her 130th birthday; and,

WHEREAS, the Life and Work of Emma Bell Miles will be honored and celebrated on October 18th at the unveiling of the new Walden Park and Arboretum at the old McCoy property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee, that October 18, 2009 is and shall be proclaimed by the Town of Signal Mountain and its citizens to be "Emma Bell Miles Day" and that this honor be written into the minutes and resolutions of the Town.

MANOR

RECORDER

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